

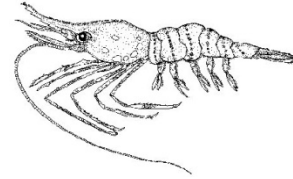
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FISHERY UPDATE

PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND REGISTRATION AREA E

COMMERCIAL SHRIMP POT FISHERY

REGISTRATION DEADLINE AND SEASON OPENING DATE

The Prince William Sound (PWS) commercial shrimp pot fishing season will open at 8:00 a.m. April 15, 2012 with a 51,240 pound guideline harvest level. To participate, individuals must possess a 2012 P09E or P91E interim use permit available from the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (http://www.cfec.state.ak.us/forms/Commercial_Fishing_Permit_Application.pdf or ph: 789-6150) and a superexclusive area vessel registration. Registrations and logbook pages are available at ADF&G offices in Anchorage, Cordova, Homer, and by appointment with the Alaska Wildlife Troopers in Seward and Valdez. Contact the ADF&G office in Cordova to register by fax. **The registration deadline for the PWS pot spot shrimp fishery is 5:00 p.m. Monday, April 2, 2012.** The department will announce on April 6 the number of shrimp pots that may be operated from a vessel registered for the fishery. The area open to harvest includes those waters indicated on the attached map (Figure 1).

The PWS shrimp pot fishery reopened in 2010 following an 18-year closure due to low abundance. Fishery management and other pertinent regulations are found in Chapters 31 and 39 of the **2009-2012 Statewide Commercial Shrimp, Dungeness Crab, and Miscellaneous Shellfish Fishing Regulations** book. These are available at department offices in Anchorage, Cordova, and Homer or at http://www.cf.adfg.state.ak.us/geninfo/regs/cf_regs.php. Prospective fishery participants should thoroughly review the regulatory requirements for this fishery.

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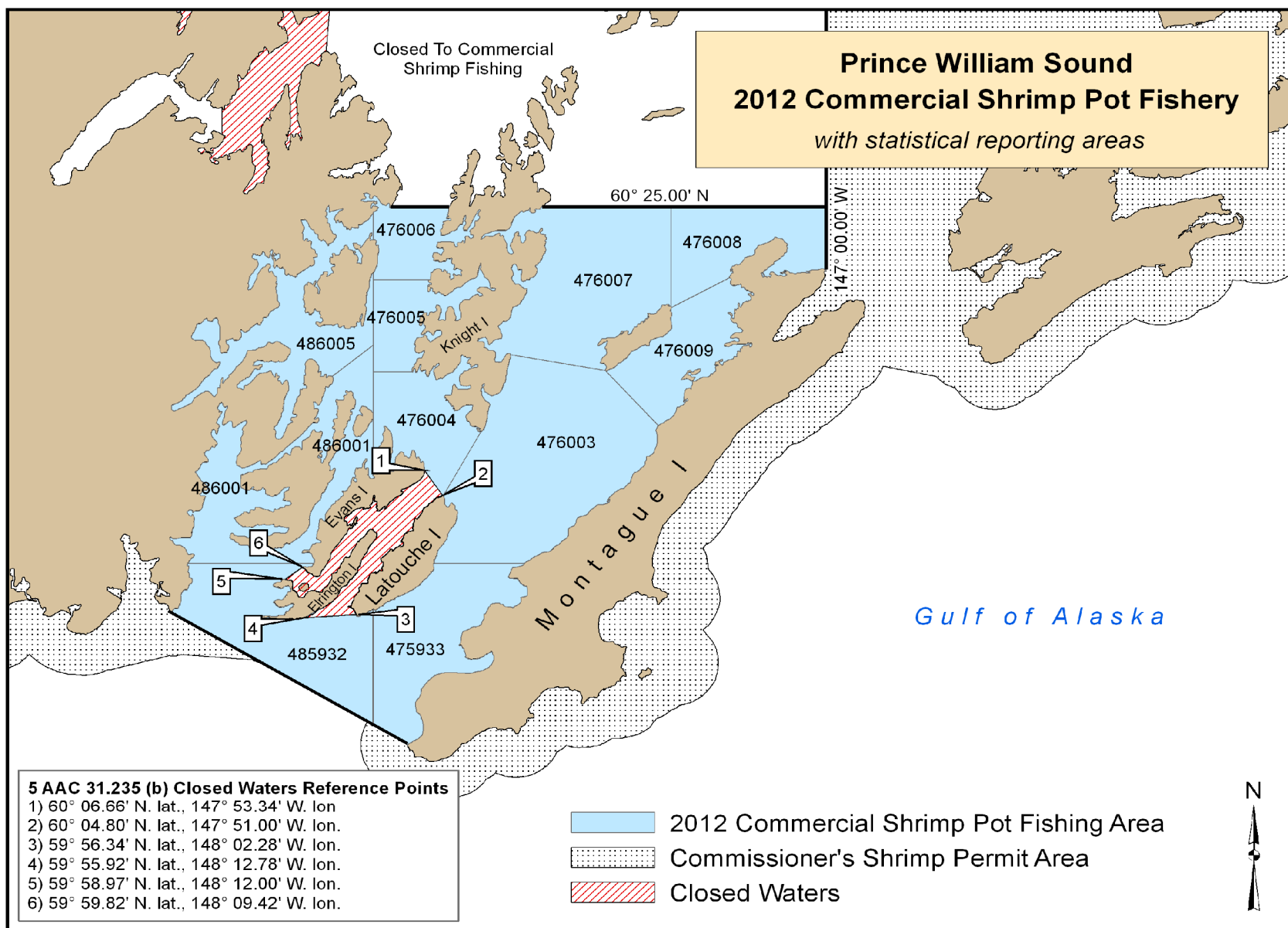


Figure 1. Map depicting the 2012 Prince William Sound commercial shrimp pot fishing area.